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45/7. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency

The General Assembly,

Having received the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency to the General Assembly for the year 1989, 1/

Taking note of the statement of the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency of 23 October 1990, 2/ which provides additional information on the main developments in the Agency's activities during 1990,

Recognizing the importance of the work of the Agency to promote further the application of atomic energy for peaceful purposes, as envisaged in its statute,

Also recognizing the special needs of the developing countries for technical assistance by the Agency in order to benefit effectively from the application of nuclear technology for peaceful purposes as well as from the contribution of nuclear energy to their economic development,

Conscious of the importance of the work of the Agency in the implementation of safeguards provisions of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons 3/

1/ International Atomic Energy Agency, The Annual Report for 1989 (Austria, July 1990), (GC(XXXIV/915)); transmitted to the members of the General Assembly by a note of the Secretary-General (A/45/371).

2/ See A/45/PV.32.

3/ Resolution 2373 (XXII), annex.

and other international treaties, conventions and agreements designed to achieve similar objectives, as well as in ensuring, as far as it is able, that the assistance provided by the Agency or at its request or under its supervision or control is not used in such a way as to further any military purpose, as stated in article II of its statute,

Further recognizing the importance of the work of the Agency on nuclear power, nuclear safety, radiological protection and radioactive waste management, including its work directed towards assisting developing countries in planning for the introduction of nuclear power in accordance with their needs,

Again stressing the need for the highest standards of safety in the design and operation of nuclear plants so as to minimize risks to life, health and the environment,

Bearing in mind resolutions GC(XXXIV)/RES/526 on Israeli nuclear capabilities and threat, GC(XXXIV)/RES/529 on measures to strengthen international co-operation in matters relating to nuclear safety and radiological protection, GC(XXXIV)/RES/530 on the Code of Practice on the International Transboundary Movement of Radioactive Waste, GC(XXXIV)/RES/531 on the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, GC(XXXIV)/RES/532 on nuclear safety guidelines for nuclear-powered vessels, GC(XXXIV)/RES/533 on the prohibition of armed attacks against nuclear installations devoted to peaceful purposes whether under construction or in operation, GC(XXXIV)/RES/540 entitled "Plan for producing potable water economically" and GC(XXXIV)/RES/545 on South Africa's nuclear capabilities, adopted on 21 September 1990 by the General Conference of the Agency at its thirty-fourth regular session,

1. Takes note of the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency; 1/

2. Affirms its confidence in the role of the Agency in the application of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes;

3. Urges all States to strive for effective and harmonious international co-operation in carrying out the work of the Agency, pursuant to its statute; in promoting the use of nuclear energy and the application of the necessary measures to strengthen further the safety of nuclear installations and to minimize risks to life, health and the environment; in strengthening technical assistance and co-operation for developing countries; and in ensuring the effectiveness and efficiency of the Agency's safeguards system;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the Director General of the Agency the records of the forty-fifth session of the General Assembly relating to the Agency's activities.

33rd plenary meeting
23 October 1990